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The Great Lakes will be included in a new ocean protection plan.



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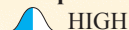
The 2.8-mile high volcano spans over 30 miles at its base.



DREAMSTIME

An international consortium is demanding action against threats to the Pacific Ocean that they say endangers environmental and human well-being in countries rich and poor.

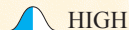
Comprehensive Ocean Protection Plan Introduced



President Obama launched a plan last week to further protect the oceans, U.S. coasts and Great Lakes from environmental threats that include pollution and overfishing. The President has established an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force to recommend a national policy on the protection and restoration of these waters.

Ocean management and protection has been criticized due to the lack of a comprehensive national policy and Federal agency coordination, as there are currently 140 U.S. laws and 20 different agencies governing our oceans.

Giant Underwater Volcano Discovered Off of Indonesia



Scientists scouring the ocean floor to study the nature of tsunamis have discovered a massive underwater volcano off Indonesia's western coast. It was not immediately clear if the volcano is active, but if it were and it erupted, it would be "very, very dangerous," officials say.

Scientists Set 2020 Goal For Ocean Health



An international consortium is demanding that ocean health be given the same attention that climate change is receiving. The Center for Ocean Solutions and Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station released a scientific consensus in May that spells out the grim consequences of inaction in reversing the threats of pollution, overfishing, and habitat destruction, while providing a road map to recovery. The report calls for measurable improvements to the Pacific Ocean's health by 2020.

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SURFRIDER'S STATE OF THE UNION

During recent meetings with members, activists, partners and donors, the subject of the economy is always a backdrop to the conversation. Clearly, these are challenging times. With this month's column I thought I'd share our perspective on this seemingly perennial subject.

We are in good shape and I believe we are wonderfully positioned for the future.

It's not that we are immune to this economy, we aren't. Yet we are in good shape, here's why:

- **Tiny exposure.** Our reserves have always been held in insured money market funds (not stocks or bonds) keeping it ready to fund our mission-related programs and campaigns. We exist for the protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches. Thus, when we raise a dollar we put it to direct use to achieve that mission.
- **Organic growth.** This is our 25th anniversary year; our growth over that time period has been intentional and focused. Our domestic Chapter network is now 70 Chapters, and a third of our staff is located in the field near these Chapters. We have self-financed this growth (we never borrow to fund growth). Thus our effectiveness ratchets up every year whether we're talking about real environmental victories (42 last year) or our revenues (exceeded our 2008 budget, growing at a rate of 7%).
- **More with less.** The theme I've shared with our staff and Board of Directors is "more with less." We must always seek to achieve the absolute most we can with a given set of resources. When we do something we ask ourselves "how can we leverage this so it impacts more people or achieves our mission faster?" This is why we've embraced tools like blogs and podcasts, if you put the effort into something to share it with one person, why not share it with 100 or 10,000? Crowdsourcing is when others embrace your mission so much they share the workload. Think Wikipedia. Now think Surfrider Foundation. To complement the 70 domestic Chapters, there are 100+ Internet sites (blogs, Webpages, etc.) operating under our banner. These are all virtually 100% volunteer created and operated. Our future is taking our existing grassroots Chapter network and amplifying every relevant toolset we can find that enables more people to participate in our mission.
- **Early cost containment.** Storm clouds were on the horizon early in 2008, so we ratcheted back our cost structure then. Early intervention is always the best call. This early attention further limited our exposure, leaving us much better prepared to weather the current economic crisis. We ended 2008 under expected costs and enjoyed excellent momentum into 2009.
- **Focus on the mission above all else.** I started a blog on my second day as CEO. That blog exists to explore our mission from every angle possible, and act as a daily reminder to focus on what is most important. In times like these it's easy to be distracted. My singular focus is on the mission; protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches... everything else is noise.

You are a part of Surfrider Foundation. You are a member. You are a stakeholder. You, like our staff and board, want to maximize your return on investment. We know what you expect in a nonprofit because we expect the same thing. We all want modern approaches, meaningful results and a strong connection to the cause. The Return on Investment we promise is the continued protection of the oceans, waves and beaches you love.

Lastly, I want you to know that we don't think we have "arrived" in exactly the right spot. We haven't. We have a massive amount of work to do and with a gyrating world market and environment under siege we are heads down and charging ahead. We thank you for your partnership and ask you to continue your role in our mission. This is an all-hands-on-deck effort.

As always, we welcome and appreciate your feedback.
For our oceans, waves and beaches.

—Jim Moriarty,
Chief Executive Officer



Wave Energy Development

By Pete Stauffer

Photos courtesy Oregon State University

Of all the different forms of alternative ocean energy, perhaps the most intriguing to Surfrider Foundation members is wave energy. Wave energy refers to the conversion of energy from ocean waves – a resource that surfers understand well – to electrical power. Harnessing this energy is achieved through a wave energy converter (WEC) device which connects to a power grid onshore.

To date, a variety of WEC prototypes have been developed, encompassing a range of approaches to energy conversion. Among these include: the point absorber, the attenuator; and the oscillating water column. It remains unclear which of these may ultimately emerge as the industry standard.

By any measure, the wave energy industry is still in its infancy. With the exception of a few pilot deployments and overseas projects, wave energy remains largely in the conceptual and planning stages; a technology that offers promise, but has yet to be adequately tested in the ocean environment.

Now, as the United States moves to embrace renewable energy and reduce its dependence on fossil fuels, wave energy development is rapidly moving to the forefront. Since 2006, over twenty permit applications have been submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for wave energy installations. Most of these projects have been proposed in Oregon, Washington, and northern California where wave resources are rich.

Not surprisingly, this ‘gold rush’ to develop wave energy in the nearshore environment has elicited a strong response in many coastal communities. Stakeholders and other citizens have faced a steep learning curve and grappled with questions such as: How will this affect current human uses of the ocean? What impacts could this have on coastal

ecosystems? What socioeconomic benefits (or costs) could result?

Within Surfrider Foundation’s Chapter network, interest in wave energy development has been high from the start. As local voices for both conservation and recreational users, Surfrider Chapters have viewed themselves as key participants in the project planning process. Rightly so, our membership has recognized the value we can provide in evaluating complex tradeoffs, and ensuring that projects will minimize impacts to coastal ecosystems and ocean recreation.

In 2006, recognizing the need to develop guidance for Chapter engagement in wave energy, Surfrider began a grassroots dialogue with members in Oregon on the issue of wave energy. Feedback revealed that a significant majority of our constituents support the concept of ocean renewable energy—particularly as an alternative to offshore oil drilling and LNG facilities. At the same time, members expressed concern over potential impacts to ocean recreation, nearshore ecology, coastal processes, public safety, aesthetics and fishing access.

To address such concerns, Chapters and staff began developing a set of principles or ‘best practices’ to use when evaluating or planning for potential wave energy projects. This set of principles ultimately became the foundation for Surfrider Foundation’s Policy Statement on Alternative Ocean Energy, adopted in 2008. The Policy Statement provides a framework for Chapters to engage in planning and permitting processes, and to evaluate the merits of individual projects.

Currently, Surfrider Chapters are engaged as formal stakeholders in a number of wave energy project proposals on the West Coast. We are increasingly recognized as an integral

participant that can effectively represent the interests of our members, as well as the broader demographic of recreational ocean users. We have also emerged as an active participant in statewide and national discussions on this topic.

Clearly, the issue of wave energy development is a complex one, and something that will challenge us as an organization to seek appropriate balances between nearshore preservation and the careful development of a renewable source of energy. As a group of coastal activists dedicated to a sustainable future, we are perhaps as well positioned as anyone to reconcile these difficult tradeoffs and ensure that projects that go in the water happen in the *right* way.

Pete is Surfrider Foundation’s Ocean Ecosystem Manager.

For more information or to share your thoughts on this topic, please visit the following links:

Policy Statement on Alternative Ocean Energy: www.surfrider.org/policy_ocean_alt_energy.asp

Wave Energy Blog and Toolkit: <http://surfriderwaveenergy.blogspot.com/>



THE SUPER FERRY GOES BELLY UP



By Ed Mazarella

In a major victory, a March ruling by the Hawaii Supreme Court struck down a state law that exempted the Hawaii Superferry from completing an environmental impact statement as unconstitutional. This ruling capped a two-year grassroots and legal battle to enforce marine conservation regulations by Surfrider Foundation's Hawaiian Chapter Network (Kauai, Oahu and Maui) and our coalitions partners, including Sierra Club.

Since its maiden voyage in August 2007, the Hawaii Superferry has navigated a rough sea of legal, environmental and mechanical problems. Protests and court rulings sidelined it for months and it was docked for repairs for a while. The ferry was forced thru the regulatory process without an environmental review in spite of the fact that the Councils of all the Neighbor Islands called for Republican Governor Linda Lingle to insist on an Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.). The Hawai'i Supreme Court agreed with the Sierra Club and Surfrider Foundation that an E.I.S. should have been done, but a special Legislature session was called to overturn the courts ruling. Unfortunately Governor Lingle and the Legislators choose not to listen to their constituents and allowed the ferry to operate by passing a special law that basically said the company didn't need to follow the law. The special law circumvented the Hawaii Supreme Court's initial ruling requiring an E.S.I. be completed before operations could begin.

Residents from all the Islands were outraged by the Governors actions, but some of the largest protests came from our Kauai Chapter activists and their partners. In this small island of 65,000 people, a thousand people protested the ferry's maiden arrival. Surfers, kayaks, little boats and canoes met the ferry as it entered the harbor and blocked them on two occasions. When the governor came to Kaua'i and threatened activists with arrest and jail, hundreds of people shouted her down in angry defiance. The ferry did operate from Honolulu to Maui (despite protests) but they never came to Kaua'i.

First, the high court ruled that the law enacted under the leadership of Governor Lingle was in violation of the state constitution and intended specifically to benefit the Hawaii Superferry company. Then on May 30, 2009, the shorted lived, but mighty tale of the Hawaii Superferry vs. the people of Hawaii came to an official end with the Hawaii Superferry Inc. and parent HSF Holding Inc. filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy petitions. Ferry service was immediately shut down and the



COURTESY OF HAWAII SUPERFERRY



company sent their two high-speed ferries to dock in Mobile, Alabama. The company said it would use the bankruptcy to close its business completely and liquidate the operation. In addition to the high court's ruling, the company also sighted a decline in tourism, a 2008 increase in fuel prices and a price war between airlines that provided inter-island service in Hawaii.

Today, Surfrider Foundation's Hawaiian Islands Chapter Network is grateful to all the people and organizations that worked together to hold the Governor and businesses accountable to follow the law. The victory over the Superferry is now part of our history as we continue to work on other issues.

Ed is Surfrider Foundation's Director of Chapters.

GROM SESSIONS

What would the world be like without the Surfrider Foundation? If the founders of the Surfrider Foundation from Malibu, California didn't start this organization, the beaches worldwide would have trash a foot thick over the sand, a vile smell in the air, and dead fish lying along the water. When many people think about the Surfrider Foundation, they think it's a club, or has nothing to do with environmental organizations dedicated to the protection of the environment. Founded in 1984, the Surfrider Foundation now has about 50,000 members in 80 different Chapters worldwide. They organize many activities to keep our beaches, oceans, and waters clean.

If you go to the beach regularly, then you can respect what the Surfrider Foundation has done to keep it clean. But even if you don't go to the beach a lot, you should still care about keeping our coasts clean because more than half of our planet is made up of ocean. Surfrider helps keep the beaches clean wherever you go, but if they weren't there fighting pollution, many places along the coast would be drastically different than today.

Surfrider fought the Orange County Sanitation District in California to agree to drop their Clean Water Action Section 301 Waiver and to stop discharging 240 million gallons of sewage into the Pacific Ocean every day. If they didn't take action, then one of the most popular beach areas on the West Coast would have filthy water full of human feces. Not only does Surfrider help people, but many different marine animals and plants.

Two dedicated members of the Surfrider Foundation from Sydney, Australia rode their bikes for three weeks to Perth to raise money for Surfrider. David Barret-Lennard and Ian Foulsham started their epic ride to get donations for Surfrider and to recruit new members. They started on February 1st and quit three weeks of surfing to spread Surfrider's message. These two surfers showed their dedication by not just doing beach cleanups, but by getting donations and new members to help keep their ocean, beaches (and most importantly their waves as clean as possible). Dave's boss also agreed to match any donation up to \$5,000.

More people should join the Surfrider Foundation because it is an organization that cleans the oceans and beach environments worldwide. Imagine if Surfrider wasn't founded. The beaches would be littered with broken glass, cans and a bunch of trash. You would be swimming in waste-filled water full of diseases. Luckily, no beachgoer has to go through that kind of trauma because of Surfrider's dedicated environmental team helping animals, plants, water quality and constantly doing beach cleanups. If you really want to help keep our planet's oceans and beaches spotless, join the Surfrider community online at www.surfrider.org to take action!

—8th Grader John Gross from Half Moon Bay Ca.

FLORIDA BEACH ACCESS BILL TAKES A BEATING



By Ericka D'Avanzo

Beach access issues have become more and more apparent due to the rampant growth in our coastal areas. What has resulted are infringements upon the public right to beach access, some temporary and others permanent losses. In Florida, individuals and organizations are currently facing no other option than to endure the great expense for litigation to bring about an equitable solution (example: 2005 First Coast Chapter Ponte Vedra legal victory). As a worldwide advocate for free and open access to all beaches, Surfrider Foundation is usually one of the only non-profit organizations that is at the forefront to address this issue.

Unlike Texas and Oregon, only Florida lacks a comprehensive law to protect citizens' access to public beaches. Enforcement is primarily left to local counties and municipalities, causing an obvious conflict of interest between promoting development and protecting beach access. In short, counties and municipalities fail to implement and enforce the state's vague and weak statutes. This year, Florida Chapter members stepped up to the legislative plate for the second year to argue the best fix for this ongoing issue was to create a new statute that addressed beach access in one clear location to create an easier state oversight mechanism. Unfortunately, major opposition halted the success of this piece of legislation from completing all the committees it needed to reach. The bill included the following points:

- Clarify that the beaches of Florida are public and to help protect against further reduction of public beach access.
- Prohibits individuals from obstructing access along the beach and obstructing access down to the beach via lawful access-ways.
- Prohibits individuals from posting No Trespass signs on a public beach.
- Prohibits governmental entities from having the affect of limiting public access to public beaches unless an alternative in-kind and quality access is made, except for public health, safety, and welfare; special events, environmental resources, or is otherwise authorized by law.
- Provides that a showing of record title to a sandy beach is not prima facie evidence of a right to exclude the public from such sandy beach.

Chapter members would like to thank Florida State University Professor **Donna Christie**, bill sponsors **Representative Sachs** (Delray) and **Senator Justice** (Sarasota), and lobbyist **Doug Bell** for their leadership and tireless efforts to make a difference.

Statewide evidence for the necessity and details of this bill can be found at <http://flbeachaccess.blogspot.com>

Ericka is Surfrider Foundation's Florida Regional Manager.



Dick and his dad, Donald

We are deeply saddened by the passing of longtime Surf Industry Manufacturer's Association, (SIMA) president, leader and guiding light, Dick Baker, after his two-year battle with cancer.

Baker became involved with SIMA in 2000 after coming to work for the iconic surf brand Ocean Pacific (Op), and served as president of SIMA for nine years. His presidency was instrumental in creating the vibrant trade association of Orange County-based surf lifestyle brands, and he provided unfailing leadership and guidance throughout a time that has marked the association's largest growth and expansion

The Surf Industry Manufacturer's Association's Environmental Fund has been one of Surfrider Foundation's biggest supporters, raising over \$4.1 million dollars over the last 19 years that they have shared with Surfrider and other worthy environmental organizations. Dick was always front and center, whenever we needed whether that be from a fold up chair at a 15-hour toll road hearing or championing Surfrider's causes from the boardroom.

"Words cannot express our grief or how greatly Dick will be missed," said Sean Smith, SIMA executive director. "Dick's leadership in SIMA was absolutely unparalleled. I speak on behalf of the SIMA family and entire surf industry in saying he was so much more than our leader. He was our mentor, our friend, a role model and a confidant. As a person he was generous, positive and a devoted family man. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Baker was born on September 3, 1946, raised in Southern California and was a graduate of the University of California at Northridge. Growing up in the San Fernando Valley, he worked his way through school at a men's specialty store. His association with the world of fashion continued as he began his career at Bullocks (a division of Federated, now Macys). Becoming a buyer at a young age allowed international travel, invaluable retail experience and created a platform for future opportunities.

In 1980, Baker was recruited to become president of Marithe & Francois Girbaud, a designer jeans company and division of Calvin Klein, in New York.

In Memorium DICK BAKER, SIMA CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

All Photos Courtesy of SIMA

In 1983, Dick was named CEO and president of Izod Lacoste menswear. Establishing a strategy to renew the popularity of the brand, he was a member of the management group that spun off Crystal Brands from the parent company General Mills.

In 1986, he was hired as president of Esprit Womenswear. Based in San Francisco, this lifestyle juniors brand grew to \$250 million during his tenure.

Prior to joining Op in 1997, he was president of Tommy Hilfiger Womenswear, where Tommy Girl apparel was launched and grossed \$100 million in its first year.

While at Op, through creative marketing, well-timed product extensions and licensing agreements with key manufacturers, revenues increased five-fold to \$250 million world wide during his tenure as CEO.

After successfully rejuvenating the brand, Op was acquired by Warnaco Inc. (Calvin Klein, Speedo, Chaps) in 2004. Baker continued to serve as President and helped in the transition of the business through 2007.

In spite of his busy career schedule, Baker remained active in community service and environmental and humanitarian organizations. He actively supported local



Dick Baker addresses the crowd at the 2007 Waterman's Ball.

causes such as Life Rolls On, Boarding for Breast Cancer, Surfrider Foundation and Ocean Institute. He was the former Chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (New York), and the 1996 honoree of the Boy Scout Council (New York).

Baker was also honored with the Creative Leadership Award by Otis College of Art and Design in 2000, where he served on its Board of Trustees; in 2004, he was honored by the Orange County Boy Scouts with the Men of Character Award; in 2005, Baker was also the honoree for the AMY award of the YMA (Young Men's Association) creating scholarships for the fashion industry; and, in 2008 he was honored as Orange County Father of the Year at a benefit for the American Diabetes Association. He will be honored by SIMA this August with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 20th Annual Waterman's Ball.

Baker is survived by his wife of 19 years, Una; his two sons, Ryan and Jack; his father, Donald; and his sister, Donna.



Dick and his dad at the Waterman's Golf Tourney.



Rob Machado and Dick

How Can I Support Surfrider?

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The Legacy Circle was established to recognize and honor our friends who have named Surfrider Foundation as a beneficiary of their wills, living trusts, IRAs, life insurance or other life-income gifts.

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Visit www.surfrider.org/ring to learn more.

CHAPTER NEWS

By Ed Mazzarella

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION



Our Delaware Chapter volunteers partnered with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to plant beach grass at Cape Henlopen State Park on Herring Point.

New SF Youth Outreach Program

One of Surfrider Foundation's strategic objectives is to mobilize a global movement of care for the coast and we believe reaching out to students of all ages in a more engaging manner is a key element in achieving that. To that end, we developed a High School Club Program along with community service project outlines and a host of other resources for students. The materials developed were done in conjunction with students from local Orange County, CA area high schools along with research conducted by Surfrider Foundation staff & volunteers.

We realize that some schools require students to complete a certain number of community service hours, while others incorporate service-learning projects into their classroom activities. Some students even undertake their own individual service projects through Surfrider Foundation Chapters. Whether it's a video, personal story, outreach ideas, t-shirt designs or simply your opinion on an environmental issue you can share in numerous ways through online outreach, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube Exposure, Social Vibe and talk about the organization to friends. To get information on this new program please visit our Facebook Youth Project Group page or contact **Ed Mazzarella** at emazzarella@surfrider.org.

EAST COAST

Recently, our **Delaware Chapter** volunteers partnered with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to plant beach grass at Cape Henlopen State Park on Herring Point (a popular surf spot). The event, now in its 20th year, helps protect Delaware shorelines by planting Cape American beach grass on sand dunes damaged by coastal storms. "Volunteers are the backbone of Delaware's shoreline stabilization effort," said Jennifer Wheatley, environmental scientist with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's (DNREC's) Shoreline and Waterway Management Section. Sand dunes are essential for protection against damaging coastal storms.

The march towards legal surfing in Montauk State Park took a baby step when the Park Service announced the "No Surfing" sign would be replaced with a "No Surfing From April 1st to December 15th" sign. Thanks to the hard work and persistence of the **Eastern Long Island Chapter** and the Surfing Advisory Committee, surfing is now legal three and a half months a year. The Chapter and members of the Surfing Advisory Committee will continue to meet and dialogue with the Office of State Parks to make surfing there legal year round.

The **South Jersey Chapter** began to Rise Above Plastics with a public forum on the subject in Somers Point. Surfrider Foundation's own **Ximena Waissbluth** came out from Monterey, CA to explain the dangers and the global problem of plastics in the marine environment. **Tony MacDonald** of the Urban Coast Institute at Monmouth University explained the results of a national marine debris study and suggested policy solutions. **Tavia Danch** of Clean Ocean Action told the audience of about 50 just how many plastic items were picked up on South Jersey beaches in recent years, and local presenter **Bob Schoelkopf** of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center gave a gripping account of the toll plastics take on whales, dolphins, seals and turtles. The successful evening was largely thanks to the hard work of **Chapter Chair Bill Rowland**. There was good media coverage so hopefully the Chapter is on their way to helping all of South Jersey to Rise Above Plastics.

Florida Chapters are legislatively engaged this year to see the passage of the Beach Access Bill. This bill will would prohibit all obstruction to accesses; prohibit governments from limiting accesses without alternatives of similar kind, and more. As a part of this effort Chapter members come to the capitol on Oceans Day to tell their legislators why they need to support ocean and coastal issues. We would like to especially thank members **Doug Bell, Scott Dudley, Kevin Anderson, Rick Briggs, Bill Kyte, Joe Demers, Todd Bobich, Jack Slattery, Larry Hart, and Laura Henry** for the dedicated efforts to gain support for this bill. For more info: <http://flbeachaccess.blogspot.com>



Neah Bay's RescueTug, The Gladiator ready to go!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

On the 20th Anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, March 24th, Washington State's Governor Chris Gregoire signed a measure that requires a year-round rescue tug to be stationed in Neah Bay. Surfrider Foundation supporter, **Senator Kevin Ranker** championed the bill and the law will require that all ships over 300 tons contribute to the cost of the rescue tug. This is a huge victory for **Washington** and the five Surfrider Foundation Chapters located in the state.

The **South Sound Organizing Committee** would like to welcome their new Executive Committee as they approach their two-year anniversary. The new officers are **Chair Jessica Bennett, Vice Chair Jared Gerritzen, Treasurer Lynn Schneider, Secretary Alissa Ferrell, and Volunteer Coordinator Mike Webb**. The Chapter also voted on raising funds to start a Blue Water Task Force, (BWTF) Lab at a local Tacoma high school. This BWTF will start testing beaches in Pierce County where there is no longer funding available for Washington Department of Health's BEACH Program.

Also joining in implementing a Blue Water Task Force is the Seattle Chapter. They are currently partnering with a local sailing team to help raise funds to purchase equipment, locate and set up a lab, and test four areas that were also dropped by the BEACH Program due to funding. The **Seattle Chapter** would also like to welcome their new **Treasurer Tyler Nelson**.

Northwest Straits (NWS) Chapter volunteer **Mike Levine** had a successful meeting with ReSources in Bellingham talking about Rise Above Plastics. Mike is spearheading some youth outreach in the school system and will start presenting a short version of the RAP power point to raise awareness on marine debris to 5th and 6th grade classrooms in partnership with the Resources classroom presentations. High school senior **Eric Riggs** is doing his senior project with the NWS Chapter by helping with the upcoming Coastal Cleanup. He will be coordinating directly with the Coast Savers Outreach group and helping with the event at 3 Rivers in La Push from start to finish; acquiring food donations, check-in and training volunteers, and social networking.

Our **Oregon Chapters** went big captaining nine beach sites and leading zone captain efforts on the central and north coast for SOLV's Oregon Great Spring Beach Cleanup! First held as the "Plague of Plastics" in 1984, the coast-wide event in Oregon brings out thousands of individuals statewide. **Newport** and **Portland Chapters** gave away 500 "Rise Above Plastic" reusable bags and t-shirts for volunteers participating in Surfrider zones.

Portland Chapter's Ban the Bag Campaign is building on outreach, allies and branding through events from Pints Against Plastic to Synthetic Sea, bringing Marcus Eriksen and Anna Cummins research from the Algalita Marine Research Foundation to Portland on the Junkride Tour! The Synthetic Sea event went off big with support from

Keen, Kona and other great sponsors, hosting an engaging evening with City Commissioners, staff and Rise Above Plastics coalition partners. Leave No Plastics Behind. For more info please visit: <http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/portlandriseaboveplastics>

North Coast Organizers continue battling the Arcadia Beach Re-zone in Clatsop County through the local leadership of **Mike Manzulli** and members from Astoria to Arch Cape. Volunteers continue with Blue Water Task Force monitoring and bio-bag pet waste program. Plastic issues may be on the horizon for some of the north coast volunteers soon!

Newport Chapter's efforts have stayed focused on the Georgia Pacific Pulp Mill outfall permit and license agreement. After 10 years of battling the dumping of landfill leachate and 2 years after the formal petition to reconsider the permit issued in 2006, the Department of Environmental Quality officially responded and reissued the permit under new special conditions—no more leachate and a required ocean monitoring plan. The Chapter is now focusing their efforts to model environmental surveys, developing an ocean monitoring plan and carrying out a host of events to kick off Rise Above Plastics.

The **Siuslaw Chapter** recently helped sponsor a Community Ocean Issues Forum held by the Siuslaw Watershed Council this Spring. The forum included a panel discussion with representatives from the Governor's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Wave Energy Trust, Columbia Power and our very own **Pete Stauffer**. Current organizing is underway for water quality monitoring, bio-bag dispensers and display at the Siuslaw Jetty state park, and a first-ever Siuslaw river cleanup.

Port Orford Ocean Resource Team and **Curry County Organizers** partnered again this April for the 2nd Annual Port Orford Water Festival. Port Orford organizing efforts continue with Stewardship Area planning, Blue Water Task Force, and outreach and support for the stormwater and best management practices ordinances and planning.

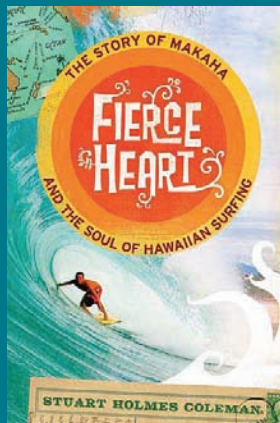
WEST COAST

The **Santa Cruz Chapter** is excited to announce that all jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County now have polystyrene food container take-out bans in place, banning the use of foam take-out containers in businesses selling food for immediate consumption, such as restaurants, ice-cream parlors and coffee shops. With the recent addition of Watsonville and



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BEFORE THE FINISH



WIKIMEDIA

Baker Beach at low tide.

Scotts Valley to the list, joining the City of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County and City of Capitola, Santa Cruz County is now the first and only multiple-jurisdiction county in California to have a styro-ban in all jurisdictions within the county limits. The **Santa Cruz Chapter** has engaged in this campaign for several years, so is as a strong win! Please visit www.surfridersantacruz.org for more info and the rest of the story.

The **San Francisco Chapter** completed the first phase of its new watershed restoration effort on Lobos Creek. The creek is San Francisco's last year-round, free-flowing creek and winds along a beautiful canyon about a mile before finding the waves at Baker Beach. Historically significant, Lobos is located within the Presidio National Park, next to the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. Famed Yosemite Park photographer Ansel Adams also grew up on Lobos, and he credits this creek by the ocean for inspiring his own environmental and artistic legacy—which inspired the nation to cherish and protect its important natural resources.

Local Chapter member and Presidio resident, Michael Stewart spearheaded the restoration project and submitted a video of the process to a river awareness contest, where it took first place. Stewart recently lead another volunteer day with the National Park Service to replant the creek with native plants grown at the Presidio, says Stewart, "everybody had fun getting dirty and restoring this special coastal watershed." Go here on the Web for more information and to see Michael's winning video from the Toms of Maine—River Awareness Contest: <http://www.sfsurfrider.org/programs/restoration.htm>.

The first Ocean Friendly Gardens public workshop was held recently in West Los Angeles. Additional workshops will take place around LA

County throughout the rest of 2009. Sixty-five people attended the first workshop, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Surfrider staffer Joe Geever hopes that "Ocean Friendly Gardens will start sprouting up in the very near future." Member Cindy Crawford recently converted her garden—check it out—<http://caopenspace.org/myofg.html>

The **West LA/Malibu Chapter's** Teach & Test program recently secured the second highest Whale Tail Grant awarded by the California Coastal Commission. Through the program, high school students regularly test water quality at Santa Monica's most popular and polluted beaches. After processing the samples, students share their findings and recommendations with peers and the community.

In a 3-2 vote on March 9, the City of Malibu denied an appeal filed against Legacy Park's EIR by Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Bay Keeper, Malibu Surfing Association and the West LA/Malibu Chapter. The four groups claim the EIR violates the California Environmental Quality Act by not addressing disposal and treatment of sewage from septic systems in the lower Malibu Creek watershed.

Recently, a Superior Court judge rejected Manhattan Beach's ban on plastic carryout bags, ruling that the city should have first fully studied its potential environmental consequences. Judge David Yaffe decided that the city must consider that a proliferation of paper bags, a potential result of banning plastic carriers, could harm the environment. The state's Ocean Protection Council has pledged funds for a master environmental assessment of this issue. The **South Bay Chapter** will continue to raise public awareness on the problem of plastics in the ocean and encourage refusing plastic and using reusable bags instead. As part of the **Long Beach Chapter's** Sink The Breakwater Campaign,



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Our Long Beach Chapter used Earth Day to help promote plastic pollution awareness.

local engineering firm, Moffat & Nichol is leading the Breakwater Reconnaissance Study, was scheduled to be completed by May 2009.

Over 150 people turned out to the **Huntington/Seal Beach Chapter's** March clean-up at Bolsa Chica State Beach. Joie De Vivre Hotel, La Quinta High School Ecology Club, NMS Company, Mater Dei High School, Petra Club – CSULB, Santa Ana College, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, All You Can Eat Music.com, Dinner for 8, Ramona Convent School, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and LDS Church... were just a few of the groups that participated. More than 300 people signed up to be a part of the OC Weekly Pub Crawl to benefit the Huntington/Seal Beach Chapter. Chapter volunteers manned booths throughout the event and mingled with pub crawlers for a great time on Main Street in "Surf City."

Do You Know Your H2O? The **San Diego Chapter** is working to educate the public about the three most common options proposed to increase our water supply: conservation, Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) and desalination. For more info please visit: <http://knowyourh2o.blogspot.com>.

THE ISLANDS

Hawaiian Field Coordinator

Stuart Coleman, an author, activist and teacher, has been named as Surfrider Foundation's first Hawaiian Islands field coordinator. Coleman will be in charge of promoting key environmental programs, providing training services to our Hawaii Chapter network and increasing membership. Coleman also will help coordinate communication among the foundation's Hawaii Chapters during the promotion of its Rise Above Plastics Campaign, which seeks to reduce the amount of plastic bags, bottles and debris that ends up in the ocean. The position was originally designed as full time, but due to the economic downturn we decided to

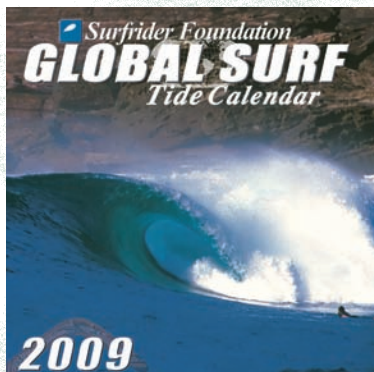
make it a part-time contract position at this time and we're fortunate that Stuart was able to come on board.

As part of our **Hawaii Chapter's** Rise Above Plastics Campaign, the **Kaua'i Chapter** distributed 6,000 canvas shopping bags throughout the small island (population: 65,000). Chapter leaders have been working with the county council to sponsor legislation that will have retailers charge a fee of 15 cents per bag, which is enough to encourage consumers to bring their own re-useable tote bags to the store. The Chapter also distributed 1,000 bumper stickers that say "DEFEND KAUA'I! REFUSE PLASTIC!"

The **Maui Chapter** has joined forces with a powerful environmental coalition that helped save Honolua Bay, one of Hawaii's best surf breaks, from a development plan that included a golf course and luxury homes overlooking the bay. The Chapter is also working with local stakeholders to make sure that the US Army Corps of Engineers' plan to renovate Mā'alaea Harbor does not endanger its famous "Freight Train" surf break or Maui's ecosystem.

On a personal note, the **Oahu Chapter** rallied around their friend and **former Chair Scott Werny** when he was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease (PD). **Co-Chair Tim Tybuszewsky** participated in an Ironman race in Indonesia in his honor to raise money for PD research. At Surfrider's 4th annual Wavemaker Awards Dinner, **Stuart Coleman** accepted the Chapter Leadership Award on Scott's behalf. Recognizing his many accomplishments and ongoing work, Coleman said, "Scott established the Oahu Chapter's John Kelly Environmental Awards; so it's fitting that he has finally received an award of his own."

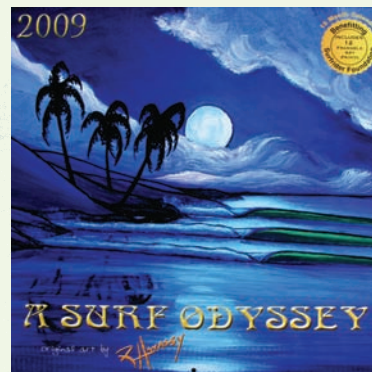
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